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ABSTRACT

This guide is designed to provide immigrants with an understanding of the way immigration law works and information on daily life in the United States. It consists of two parts: (1) a section on immigration law, with an overview and detailed information on the types of visas available and sample immigration forms; and (2) information on American life, including overviews of: government functions (courts, licenses, immigrant rights, attorneys, police, firefighters); employment (outlook), job search techniques, employment services, resumes and interviews, growth occupations, corporations, starting a business, types of businesses, franchises, banking for businesses); finance and banking (services, currency, investment, credit, taxes); insurance (health, automobile, homeowners, life, and choice of insurance company); housing (buying, selling, renting, establishing basic services); food and shopping (restaurants, food shopping, supermarkets and convenience stores, shopping at department and specialized stores, malls, and catalog and television shopping, car purchases); health care (preventive and curative, sources of care, medication, staying well, living wills, emergencies, medical professionals, immunizations, fire safety); communications (telephone, mail, telegraph services); education (all levels, library services, English instruction); recreation and travel (entertainment, sports, activities, organizations, religion, holidays, travel by car, plane, train or recreational vehicle, climate, tourism); time zones and metric conversions; and public agencies (state chambers of commerce, embassies and consulates, immigration offices). (MSE) (Adjunct ERIC Clearinghouse on Literacy Education)